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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

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From the Evening Poſt, September 3.

Since our laſt arrived one Mail from Holland, and one from France.

Madrid, Auguſt 24.

ON the 18th Inſtant at 10 at Night, their Majeſties arrived from Balſain at the Eſcurial; that ſame Night the Prince and Princeſs of Aſturias conſummated their Marriage. On the 22d their Royal Highneſſes rode out together both in one Coach for the firſt Time.

Conſtantinople, Auguſt 5. The Government has received by an Expreſs from Teſhis, the Confirmation of the Accounts formerly brought, of the Reduction of the Province of Carduel, which our Troops entred by Stratagem, for they could not have got in otherwiſe, the Province being covered by a Ridge of inacceſſible Mountains, and the Natives too couragious and too well diſciplin'd, to part with their Liberty without ſtrugling for it. The prince Carduel ſeeing himſelf thus ſurprized made his Eſcape, ſome ſay he is gone to Ruſſia.

The Prince of Erivan, who procured to our Troops the Entrance into that Province, is ſince gone off ſo ſecretly from Teſhis, that 'tis neither known whether nor for what Reaſon.

Prague, Auguſt 28. Yeſterday the Emperor returned to this City, to be preſent at the Rejoicings m de on Account of the Anniverſary of the Birth of the Empreſs his Conſort, who entred the 33d of her Age; her Majeſty was this Morning carried in a Sedan to Church, a tacit Sign of her being with Child, which was afterwards publickly confirmed at Dinner by his Imperial Majeſty.

The Emperor is to be crowned the 5th of next Month, and the Empreſs the 8th.

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From the Weekly Journal, August.

Last Week Mr. John Hammond, a young Gentleman said to be worth 20000*l*, and who was educated a Quaker, became a Christian; and was baptized at St. Clement Danes, by the Reverend Mr. Peters; we hope this good Example in one so young, will induce other rich Men to turn Christians also.

Some Days after an old grave Quaker met with the above young Gentleman, and after, heaving and sighing for some Minutes, accosted him as followeth; Friend! Friend John! Thou hast made the Saying of the Man of the World to become true; *That the Light within thee was carried in a dark Lanthorn*, and verily so it was, for thou couldest not see the Way; but now thou hast got thy Godfathers and Godmothers, take care and be a good Boy, and so Friend John fare thee well.

From the London Gazette.

Madrid, August 23. N. S. The King and Queen having removed some Days ago from Ballwain to the Escurial, will continue there till the 9th of next Month: In the mean time, the Court there is very splendid and joyfull, on account of the Prince of Asturia's Marriage having been consummated the 18th Instant, it has been resolved in Council, that the Galleons shall put to Sea from Cadiz by the End of September, and that by the 8th of that Month an Advice-Ship shall be dispatched from thence to Peru.

Stockholm, August 7. O. S. M. Surland, the Duke of Holstein's Secretary, who two Days ago came hither express with Dispatches for M. Bassowitz, left Revel the 28th last Month; he says the Czar set out from thence for Petersburg the 27, That his Czarish Majesty once designed to have gone by Sea, but the Wind being at that Time contrary, he took the Resolution to go by Land.

Stockholm, August 14. O. S. On Monday last the Nobility sent a Deputation to the King to propose to him three Persons of whom his Majesty was to choose one for Senator; viz. The Marshall of the Diet, Baron Lagerberg, Count Gyllenberg, Chancellor of the Court, and M. Syderheim, first Secretary of State. The King declared, that the three Persons they had proposed, were so entirely qualified for the Dignity in Question, that he could not but desire the States would grant him all three for Senators, to assist him in his Councils. The Nobility immediately consulted the other States hereupon, who came to a joint resolution with the Nobility to comply with his Majesty's Demands, and a Deputation was sent to acquaint his Majesty therewith. The same Day the Sentence of Death passed on M. Brotzerius was confirmed by the States; and that one M. Daleen, changed into his being sent for Life to Masterland, after having been exposed on the Pillory in the several Market-places here and in his Way thither.

Copenhagen, August 31. N. S. Letters of the 9th Instant from Petersburg tell us, the Czar arrived there the Day before, without any Ceremony, the time of his Entring the Town not being known before hand.

Hamburg, Sept. 3. N. S. Letters from Petersburg of the 13th of August say, the Czar's Fleet was come to Cronslot; and that it was the Talk at Court, the Czar intended to take a Journey shortly to Moscow.

Whitehall, August 20. A Letter without Date, signed H. M. having been sent by Penny Post to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury; if the Person who wrote it will attend his Grace, and make out what he proposes, he shall have all fitting Encouragement.

From the Whitehall Evening Post.

Petersburg, August 13. The 10th Instant their Imperial Majesties and the Princesses set out for Petershof, where all the Ministers and Lords of Court will go To-day or To-morrow. The Foreign Ministers are also invited, and a Yacht is

is prepared to conduct them thither on Sunday or Monday next. The greatest Part of our Fleet is returned to Cronstot.

Vienna, August 25. It was the 16th Instant, the Town of Clagenfurt, the Capital of Carinthia, was entirely reduced to Ashes, with the Suburbs, except the Convent of the Ursulines and 6 or 7 Houses: Some will have it that the Fire began by a Forge, and others say, they perceived the Town on Fire at several Parts at once. The Vehemence of the Flames was so great, that the Towers of the Churches; and that of the Jesuits, were destroyed the Bells melted, and all the Buildings so suddenly consumed, That in a few Hours the whole Town appear'd only like a vast heap of Ruins. One cannot judge how inexpressible the Loss of the Inhabitants of that Place is, they being reduced to the extremest Misery.

London, August 31. We hear from Guilford, that the Right Honourable Lord Onslow, who was shot in the Shoulder and Neck on Wednesday last, returning from a Fox hunting, by a Person unknown to his Lordship, in a Lane near that Place, is in a fair way of Recovery: the Cause of this horrid Attempt is not yet fully known: The Villain only confessing, that he hath waited an Opportunity for it this Year and half, upon several telling him the Lord Onslow was one that occasioned all the Taxes; he hath also before and since expressed great Animosity at that Lord's Activeness in publick Matters in that Country.

On Thursday last David Smith, who attempted the Lives of Mr. Campbell and his Wife, in St. Cathrin's, as formerly mentioned, was try'd for the same at Hickshall; the Fact appeared exceding Barbarous, it being proved, that he gave the Husband 13 Wounds, some of them were very dangerous; and the Wife 9 Wounds: He was found Guilty, and sentenced to 4 Years Imprisonment, to be whip'd several Times, and to pay a small Fine.

We hear that a Treaty of Marriage is on Foot between the eldest Son of Sir William Wyndham, Barr. and the Lady Spencer, youngest Daughter of the late Earl of Suderland.

The Right Honourable the Lord Walpole arrived here last Thursday from his Travels in Foreign Parts.

From the Flying Post.

Copenhagen, August 28. The King has not yet given a positive Answer to M. Bestuchoff, the Muscovite Redent, who 'tis said insists, among other Things, that the King shall own his Master as Emperor of Russia, and give him Assurances that he will not enter into any Engagement with such Powers as may happen to be embroiled with the Czar.

From the London Journal.

The Proposals made by the Russian Resident at Copenhagen are not yet made Publick; yet it is whispered, That among other Things, he has insisted, that his Danish Majesty should give Assurances to his Master not to enter hereafter into any Alliance with such Powers as may become his Enemies, and involve him in a War; and moreover, to give him the Title of Emper of Great Russia: Upon which his Czarish Majesty is willing to desist from all other Pretentions, and to live in perfect Friendship with his Danish Majesty: Time only can shew how far this Minister will succed in his Negociations, and whether a free Passage through the Sound is not included in these Pretentions.

Many of the Courtiers of France are surprized at the Duke of Orleans who chuse rather to take upon himself the Office of Prime Minister, than suffer the Duke of Bourbon to enjoy it, who would fain have succeeded the Cardinal Dubois in that Employment.

Some Letters mention, That the Spainards are gathering together 30000 Men in Galicia, to execute some Design, at present, in the Clouds.

Some Aricles are handed about at Vienna, which that Court does not relish, which are said to be proposed by the Ottoman Porte to the Czar of Muscovy; 'Tis said, the Emperor designs to give his Daughter, the Archdutchess Maria Theresa, in Marriage to the Hereditary Prince of Lorain, who discovers great Vivacity of Temper and Quickness of Wit which gain him general Esteem.

London,

London, August 13. The further Tryal of the Machine for forcing Ships againſt Wind and Tide, &c. is given over for the preſent; for we hear that the Ship that was fitted up for the Experiment, has had the Ballaſt taken out of her, and is reduced to her former Condition; ſo that the Fate of that Project ſeems determined.

They write from Gloceſter, That during the Time of the Aſſizes, there happened a moſt violent Thunder and Lightning, which burnt to the Ground at Worton, within a Mile of Gloceſter, five Bays of Buildings full of Corn, with ſeveral Waggons, Carts, Ploughs, and other Implements of Husbandry.

The Weavers and Mercers are actually making a Collection among themſelves, in order to go on with their Proſecutions againſt ſuch from whom they have taken India Cloaths.

We hear from Edger, That all things are reſtored at the Duke of Chandois's Seat near that Place to their former Grandeur and Magnificence, and the Muſick is every Sunday at the Chapel in as fine a Manner as ever being performed by the beſt Maſters.

The Truſtees at the South Sea-Houſe have put off the Affair of determining the Claim of Colonel Urquhart, on the forfeited Eſtate of Mr. Sawbridge, ariſing from an Iſſue in the Court of Common-pleas; in Favour of the Colonel, till the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor finiſhes the Decree, with reſpect to which the ſaid Iſſue was tried.

Scarce a Week paſſes but we have a Boxing-match at the Bear-garden between Women, where one, who ſtiles herſelf *The City Championeſs*, gains the *Plaudits* of the Mob who aſſemble there. She is allowed to equal any of her Sex with her Tongue, as well as her Hands, there not being one in the *Britiſh-Fiſhery* at Billingſgate that dares to attack her that Way.

From the Evening Poſt, September 3.

Paris, September 3. We are not much alarmed at the Diſtemper that goes about Piccardy and Artois, becauſe it is only look'd upon as a natural and uſual Conſequence of the great Heat of Summer; 'tis talked, That a ſpecifick Remedy has been found out for curing it; ſome ſay a good Sweating will carry it off.

Hamburg, September 7. Letters from Petersburg ſay, That an Expreſs from Aſtracan has brought Advice there, that Meriweys has drawn together on the Borders of Georgia an Army of 80000 Men.

From the Flying Poſt, Sept. 3.

Lisbon, Auguſt 11. The Portugueſe having about 60 Years ago, yeilded to the Engliſh the Iſland of Bombay, in the Eaſt Indies, on the Marriage of Catharine Infanta of Portugal, to King Charles the 2d of Great Britain, on certain Conditions, which were never obſerved by the Engliſh, till the laſt Year, when they endeavoured to oblige the Portugueſe to pay them certain Duties, the latter oppoſed it, and alledged, that they were exempted from paying thoſe Duties by the Treaty of Ceſſion. Upon this, 'tis ſaid, the Engliſh committed ſome Violence againſt the Portugueſe Colony at Bacaim (about 30 Miles to the N.) and that Advice of it was ſent by an Expreſs to the King of Portugal.

Rome, Auguſt 21. In the laſt Audience which the Ambaſſador of Parma had of the Pope, he notified, That the King of Spain had honoured him with the Order of the Golden Fleece, and had likewiſe nominated him Envoy Extraordinary of the Infant Don Carlos, who was to be declared Hereditary Prince of Parma and Placentia, on the Failure of the Male Line in the Farneſe Family. An Advertiſement is publiſhed here in the Pope's Name, ſignifying to all the Fugitive Fryers of the Order of St. Francis, who have changed their Religion, that if they will return to their Convents in 8 Months at fartheſt, they ſhall be excuſed from doing any Sort of Pennance, and ſhall be kindly received by their Superiors, provided they wait upon them, and humbly beg Abſolution for their Crime.

Cardinal Alberoni's Affairs ſeem to take a very great Turn in his Favour, and 'tis thought that before the Year is out he will appear in Publick.

Wye's

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 3.

BY the Yesterday's Mail from Holland we have Letters from Constantinople, which confirm that the Province of Carduel has submitted to the Government of the Grand Seignior at the Approach of the Turkish Troops, who found Means to get into that Country by Stratagem, which otherwise could never have been done, that Province being covered with inaccessible Mountains. The Prince of Carduel is said to be gone to Russia; his Son has embraced the Mahometan Religion, and the Province has agreed to pay an Annuity of 40000 Dollars for the Capitation Tax, which is usually impos'd upon Christians under the Sultan.

'Tis believed, we shall in a few Days have Advice from the Frontiers, not only of the Turkish, but also of the Muscovite Troops.

They write from Stockholm, That the present Juncture of Affairs rendring it absolutely necessary to put the Forces of that Kingdom by Sea and Land in the best Posture, his Swedish Majesty has given Orders for the speedy executing the Resolutions lately taken by the Diet, and which was, That 2600 Men, provided with 24 Charges each, should furthwith march to Wexholm, to be join'd there by 1800 Men of Suder, Malon's, Westinalm's and Horn's Regiments.

'Tis observable, that the Russian Minister was so uneasy at this Resolution, that he immediately sent an Express with an Account thereof to his Master.

Yesterday came Advice, That the Assiento, a Ship belonging to the S. S. Company, was arrived at Falmouth from Buenos Ayres, very richly laden with Pieces of Eight, Hides, Tallow, *&c.*

They write from New England, That on the 10th, 11th & 12th of July last, the Pyrates taken by the Greyhound Man of War, were try'd by a Court of Admiralty at Newport, in the Province of Rhode-Island; and that 27 of them had been found guilty, and all of them, except two, ordered to be executed the 19 of the same Month.

Guilford, August 30. Mr. Howard, chief Chirurgion to the Lord Onslow, says this Night that his Lordship is out of Danger, resting well hitherto, and the Wound digesting well. His Lordship this Day ordered 30 Pound to be distributed among the Poor, for Joy of his Recovery. 'Tis said he will be carried To-morrow in a Sedan from Catharine-hill to his Seat at Claudon. His Lordship was wounded in the Left Shoulder with Partridge shot; about 200 went into his Skin, thro' a strong thick Drab Coat, Waistcoat and Shirt, and were so plac'd, that his Blade-bone receiv'd them all. The Offender is not any ways sorry at what he has done; he has told several People of his wicked Design to kill my Lord, and murder this and that Gentleman; and yet he is accounted no Madman or Lunatic.

Grantham, Sept. 1. On Friday last the Duke of Wharton, coming Post from the North, was thrown from his Horse, and by the Hurt he received, was disabled from Riding any further; upon which an Express was sent to York for a Coach to meet him.

Yesterday Lant, Ayre and Ambler, the three Persons charg'd with a Riot in Cripplegate, were admitted to Bail before the Lord Mayor.

On Sunday last died at Kingston the Countess of Isla, Wife of the Earl of Isla. The same Day also Sir Henry Liddel departed this Life.

This Day two Congees d' Eslire were sign'd by the Lords Justices, for Electing the Reverend Dr. Willis, Bishop of Sarum, into the See of Winchester; and Dr. Green, Bishop of Norwich, into that of Ely.

The D. and Dutchess of Buckingham design to set out next Week for France: From whence they write, That they are not much alarmed at the Distemper that rages about Picardy and Artois, because the same is look'd upon only as a natural Consequence of the excessive Heats. Mean-time Letters from Brussels say, That till such time as they can be more fully informed of the Distemper that rages in Artois, no Person that comes from thence is admitted into the Country, without an authentic Certificate of Health.

The Rebel Meriweys has drawn together, on the Borders of Georgia, an Army of 80000 Men.

The Emperor seems firmly resolved to support the Ostend East India Company.

One of the Keepers of Colt Forest near Farnholm, was kill'd last Sunday by the Blacks.

P. S. The Bishop of Hereford is translated to the Bishopric of Sarum.

Edinburgh, Sept. 3. On Thursday last the Dutchess Dowager of Gordon went hence to the North, to visit the Noble Family of Gordon.

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Haddingtoun, September 6.

Beſt Wheat 07 *L. per* Boll. 2d. *Ditto*, 07 *L.* 16 *s.* 3d. *Ditto*, 06 *L.* 10 *s.*
Beſt Bear 6 *L.* 6 *s. per* Boll. 2d *Ditto*, 05 *L.* 18 *s.* 3d. *Ditto*, 05 *L.* 12 *s.*
Beſt Oats 05 *L.* 10 *s. per* Boll. 2d. *Ditto*, 05 *L.* 06 *s.* 3d *Ditto*, 05 *L.* 02 *s.*
Beſt Peaſe 05 *L.* 16 *s. per* Boll. 2d. *Ditto*, 05 *L.* 10 *s.* 3d *Ditto*, 5 *L.* 4 *s.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THAT *on* Thurſday *the third of* October *next, there is to be run for at the Toun of* Lanark, *a Piece of Silver Plate of twelve Pounds* Sterling *Value, by any Horſe, Mare or Guelding, carrying eight* Scots *Stone; the beſt of three Heats round the Courſe that ſhall be marked out.*

Any Horſe that wins two Heats, and ſaves his Diſtance the third Heat, wins the Plate: In caſe the three Heats be wone by three different Horſes, they are to run the gourth Heat for the Plate.

Any Horſe that is diſtances can run no more, nor have Pretenſions to the Plate.

Each Rider is to take off his own Saddle and Bridle, and carry them to the Scales immediatly after each Heat; and if any Rider be a Pound under Weight, he loſes the Plate.

All Horſes that run for this Plate, are to be in the Town of Lanerk *on or before the Laſt of* September; *and keept there till the Day of running.*

The Horſes that run for this Plate muſt be book'd, being two at leaſt, belonging to different Perſons without Colluſion, on the Monday *at fartheſt before the Race by the Clerk of the Town, paying five Pound* Sterling *amongſt them by equal Proportions.*

The Horſes are to ſtart between Twelve and Two, at the Warning of the Drum.

No Croſſing nor Juſtling to be allowed; all Differences to be determined by Judges named by the Magiſtrats.

†*† *On* Friday *the Fourth of* October *next, there is a Piece of Silver Plate, of five Pound* Sterling *Value, to be run for at the Town of* Lanerk, *by any Horſe, Mare or Guelding, carrying eight* Scots *Stone: the beſt of three Heats round the Courſe that ſhall be marked.*

All the Horſes that run for tee ſaid Plate, are to be in the Town of Lanerk *on or before the Second of* October *next; and to be kept in the Toun till the Day of running.*

The Horſes that run for this Plate muſt be booked, being two at leaſt, belonging to different Perſons without Colluſion, by the Clerk of the Town, on the Thurſday *before the Race, paying forty Shillings* Sterling *amongſt them by equal Proportions.*

The other Articles in the firſt Race, are to be obſerved in the ſecond Race.

†‡† *Theſe are to advertiſe all Perſons whatſomever, That the* Michaelmaſs *Fair of* Galla-ſhiels, *falling to be upon the* Sabbath, *for this Year, is to hold upon the* Tueſday *next thereafter, being the firſt Day of* October *next. As alſo, that whenever the ſaid Fair ſhall at any Time hereafter happen to fall upon* Saturday, Sabbath, *or* Munday, *the ſame is to hold upon the* Tueſday *next thereafter.*

†‡† There is ſtollen or ſtrayed from *Lintoun* a Bitch. Her Marks are ſmall Freckles, brown and white Spots all over but much on the brown Colour, there is a brown Spot on the Top of her ſhoulder, and a Spot near to her Tail, ſhe has a braſs Collar about her Neck, engraven *Earl of March Owner* 1722

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